# Executive Proclamation
## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, Drug Courts benefit individuals by intensively working with them to overcome their addiction so they can continue working in the community and providing for their families; and,

***Whereas***, Drug Court has strict rules, which are understood, up front, by the participating individuals that any missteps will land them in jail and they lose their opportunity to participate in the program; and,

***Whereas***, The Drug Court program effectively utilizes taxpayer money by helping individuals overcome their addiction and reintegrate back into the work force rather than spending time in a jail cell; and,

***Whereas***, Graduates of the Drug Court program have successfully overcome their addiction and are now productive and contributing members of their community; and,

***Whereas***, The 2007 South Dakota Legislature understood the benefits of this program and approved HB 1271, which was signed into law; and,

***Whereas***, The success of South Dakota's first Drug Court has been evident since its inception, and it is appropriate to recognize the individuals who have contributed to a program that has enriched our state and improved the overall quality of life for the participants and their families:

***Now, Therefore, We, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, and ***David Gilbertson***, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2010, as

## DRUG COURT DAY

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State